

**REMARKS**

In response to the final Office Action mailed December 18, 2006, reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of the foregoing amendments.

Applicants do not concede in the propriety of the claimed rejections as applied to the previously pending claims, but nonetheless have amended the claims in a manner consistent with the suggestion of the examiner in the Office Action. It is noted that the cited art fails to disclose or suggest the subject matter of the present claims.

Allowance is respectfully solicited.

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